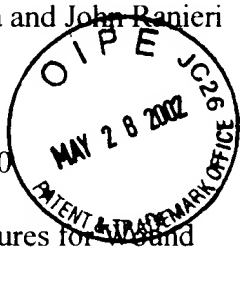


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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated February 11, 2002 in the above-identified matter. In response, Applicants request consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

A marked up version of the amended claims, showing the changes by underlining of the added text and striking out the deleted text, is appended hereto.

Please amend claims 1-13 and 16-18 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of promoting wound healing comprising applying to said wound a composition comprising the growth factors BMP-3 and TGF- β 2 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises a growth factor selected from the group consisting of BMP-2, BMP-4, BMP-5, BMP-6, and BMP-7.